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In re application of:

Gerhard BIENHAUS

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For: SYSTEM FOR RELEASING AND ISOLATING NUCLEIC ACIDS

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RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In Response to the Office Action dated September 16, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 13 and 34 as follows. A marked-up copy of the amendments is attached hereto.

13. (Twice Amended) A method of isolating nucleic acids from biological compartments of a fluid sample comprising the steps of:

incubating the sample in a sample processing vessel with magnetic particles which magnetic particles are capable of binding with the biological compartments;

positioning at least one magnet towards the sample processing vessel to hold the magnetic particles against an inside wall of the sample processing vessel by magnetic force;

removing the remaining fluid, from which the biological compartments have been separated, from the sample processing vessel;

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